

ELEMENT SUMMARY INFORMATION

Element: 4.2.8 Simulators/Training Devices

Purpose of this Element (Air Carrier's responsibility): To ensure that simulators, training devices and training aids meet the requirements of its training program(s).

Objective (FAA responsibility): To determine if the air carrier's Simulators/Training Devices process includes safety attributes.

Inputs:

- National Simulator Program Manager
- Training Program
- Concerns for Training Safety
- Economic Considerations
- Instructors
- Students (Crewmembers and Airmen)
- Principal Operations Inspectors

Outputs:

- More Effective and Efficient Training
- Enhanced Safety
- Cost-Effective Operations
- Evaluation of training procedures, training programs airplane operations, emergency procedures, etc.

Performance Measures:

- Usage of simulators and training devices is consistent with authorizations and approvals.
- Windshear training is conducted in an approved simulator.

SRR:

- 121.407 (a, c, d) Training Program
- 121.409 (b, d) Training courses
- SFAR 58.9(b)(3) Advanced Qualification Program

Other CFRs and/or FAA Guidance:

- FAA Order 8400.10, Volume 3, Chapter 2, Section 5, Paragraph 445
- FAA Order 8400.10, Volume 3, Chapter 2, Section 6
- FAA Order 8400.10, Volume 3, Chapter 2, Section 7, Paragraph 547
- Refer to appropriate Advisory Circulars.

SRR SPECIFIC INFORMATION

SRR	Intent	Inspectors
121.407 (a)	To specify the approval and maintenance requirements for simulators and training devices.	Certification: Operations Surveillance: Operations and Airworthiness (Avionics)
121.407 (c)	To specify the conditions under which a simulator may be used in lieu of an airplane.	Certification: Operations Surveillance: Operations
121.407 (d)	To require that a simulator be used for low altitude windshear training.	Certification: Operations Surveillance: Operations
121.409 (b)	To specify the content of training courses using airplane simulators.	Certification: Operations Surveillance: Operations
121.409 (d)	To require the use of a simulator which is type-specific for low altitude windshear training.	Certification: Operations Surveillance: Operations

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SECTION 4 DESPONSIBILITY ATTRIBUTE	
SECTION 1 - RESPONSIBILITY ATTRIBUTE Objective: To determine if there is a clearly identifiable, qualified, and kn accountable for the quality of the Simulators/Training Devices process.	owledgeable person who is
To meet this objective, the inspector will accomplish the following tasks:	
1. Identify the person who is responsible for the quality of the Simulators	/Training Devices process.
2. Review the description in the Manual that delineates the duties and res	ponsibilities of the person.
3. Evaluate the person's qualifications and work experience (or resume',	if appropriate).
4. Review the appropriate organizational chart.	
5. Discuss the Simulators/Training Devices process with the person.	
To meet this objective, the inspector will determine and record answers to	the following questions:
1. Is there a clearly identifiable person who is answerable for the quality of the Simulators/Training Devices process?	YES If yes, provide the name:
2. Does the person understand the procedures associated with the	NO If no, explain: YES If no, explain:
Simulators/Training Devices process?	No
3. Does the person understand the controls associated with the Simulators/Training Devices process?	YES If no, explain:
4. Does the person understand the interfaces associated with the Simulators/Training Devices process?	☐ NO ☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO
5. Does the person understand the process measurements associated with the Simulators/Training Devices process?	
6. Is the responsibility of this position clearly documented in the air carrier's Manual(s)?	YES If no, explain:
7. Are the qualification standards for this position clearly documented?	YES If no, explain:
7a Are the qualification standards for this position appropriate for the duties that are assigned?	YES If no, explain:
8. Does the person meet the qualification standards?	YES If no, explain:
9. Does the person acknowledge that he/she has responsibility for the Simulators/Training Devices process?	YES If no, explain:
10. Does the person know who has authority to establish and modify the Simulators/Training Devices process?	YES If no, explain:

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SECTION 2 – AUTHORITY ATTRIBUTE		
Objective: To determine if there is a clearly identifiable, qualified, and knowledgeable person with the authority to establish and modify the Simulators/Training Devices process.		
To meet this objective, the inspector will accomplish the following tasks:		
1. Identify the person who has the authority to establish or modify the Simulators/Training Devices process.		
2. Review the description in the Manual that delineates the duties and resp	ponsibilities of the person.	
3. Evaluate the person's qualifications and work experience (or resume', i	f appropriate).	
4. Review the appropriate organizational chart.		
5. Discuss the Simulators/Training Devices process with the person.		
To meet this objective, the inspector will determine and record answers to the following questions:		
1. Is there a clearly identifiable person who has authority to establish and modify the air carrier's policies for the Simulators/Training Devices process?	YES If yes, provide the name: No If no, explain:	
Does the person understand the procedures associated with the Simulators/Training Devices process?	YES If no, explain:	
3. Does the person understand the controls associated with the Simulators/Training Devices process?	YES If no, explain:	
4. Does the person understand the interfaces associated with the Simulators/Training Devices process?	YES If no, explain:	
5. Does the person understand the process measurements associated with the Simulators/Training Devices process?	YES If no, explain:	
6. Is the authority of this position clearly documented in the air carrier's Manual(s)?	YES If no, explain:	
7. Are the qualification standards for this position clearly documented?	YES If no, explain:	
7a Are the qualification standards for this position appropriate for the duties that are assigned?	YES If no, explain:	
8. Does the person meet the qualification standards?	YES If no, explain:	
9. Does the person acknowledge that he/she has authority for the Simulators/Training Devices process?	YES If no, explain:	
10. Does the person know who has the responsibility for the Simulators/Training Devices process?	YES If no, explain:	
11. Are the procedures for delegation of authority clearly documented for the Simulators/Training Devices process?	YES If no, explain: No	

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SECTION 3 – PROCEDURES ATTRIBUTE		
Objective: To determine if the air carrier has documented procedures for Simulators/Training Devices process.	or accomplishing the	
To meet this objective, the inspector will accomplish the following tasks.	:	
1. Review the documented instructions and information related to the S process to ensure that they contain who, what, where, when, and how		
2. Review the FAA Guidance and Specific Regulatory Requirements (Supplemental information section of this SAI.	SRR) included in the	
3. Discuss the Simulators/Training Devices process with appropriate pounderstanding of the procedures.	ersonnel to gain an	
4. Observe the Simulators/Training Devices process to gain an understa	anding of the procedures.	
To meet this objective, the inspector will determine and record answers	to the following questions:	
1. Do written procedures exist to achieve the desired result of the Simu	lators/Training Devices process:	
1.1 To obtain POI approval for use of simulators and training devices?[SFAR 58.9(b); SRR 121.407(a)(c)(d)]	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A	
1.2 To maintain simulators and training devices on a daily basis (e.g., Inspection and Maintenance)? [SFAR 58.9 (b)]	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A	
1.3 For to ensure use of the simulator MEL?	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A	
1.4 To obtain approval of an MEL for each make and model simulator?	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A	
1.5 To record the national simulator team approvals and periodic inspections? [121.407 (a)]	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A	
1.6 To ensure that simulators and training devices are configured the same way as the airplane they represent? [121.407 (a), 121.409 (d)]	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A	
1.7 To ensure use of the maintenance log to report discrepancies? [121.407 (a)]	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A	
1.8 To ensure use of the maintenance log to correct discrepancies? [121.407 (a)]	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A	

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1.9 To ensure that simulators and related procedures are upgraded to reflect operational/fleet changes and to ensure that these changes are communicated to the training program and inspection department? [121.407 (a)]	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A
1.10 To ensure that instructors and check airmen are using simulators and training devices consistent with company procedures for training and checking? [121.407 (c)]	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A
1.11 To review and compare the failure and pass rate of the company's flight crew members and the pass/fail rate administered by individual check airmen?	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A
1.12 To maintain records of simulator usage?	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A
1.13 To ensure that simulators are configured to meet low altitude windshear training requirements? [121.407 (d), 121.409 (d)]	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A
1.14 Use simulators to ensure changes in procedures prior to implementation in revenue operations?	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A
1.15 To ensure that an independent source solicits feedback on equipment and procedures from line pilots who have recently completed simulator training and checking?	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A
2. Do the procedures identify: who, what, where, when and how?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO
3. Are the procedures in compliance with the CFR(s)?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO
4. Do the procedures conform to other written guidance (E.g., Operations Specifications, FAA Orders, Airworthiness Directives, Advisory Circulars, Handbook Bulletins, Directives, and Manufacturer's Recommendations)?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO
5. Does the air carrier have the resources to support the written procedures for the Simulators/Training Devices process?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO
6. If alternate procedures exist for use during irregular conditions, do they achieve the same desired results as the primary procedures so that an equivalent level of safety is maintained? (E.g., a manual system used as a result of equipment failure.)	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A, No alternate procedures exist for this element
7. Are the procedures published in different manuals relating to the Simulators/Training Devices process consistent?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO
8. Does the air carrier have a documented method for assessing the impacts of procedural changes to the Simulators/Training Devices process?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO

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SECTION 4 – CONTROL ATTRIBUTE	
Objective: To determine if checks and restraints are designed into the sprocess to ensure a desired result is achieved.	Simulators/Training Devices
To meet this objective, the inspector will accomplish the following task.	s:
1. Review the documented instructions and information related to the process.	Simulators/Training Devices
2. Review the FAA Guidance and Specific Regulatory Requirements supplemental information section of this SAI.	(SRR) included in the
3. Discuss the Simulators/Training Devices process with appropriate punderstanding of the controls.	personnel to gain an
4. Observe the Simulators/Training Devices process to gain an unders	tanding of the controls.
To meet this objective, the inspector will determine and record answers	s to the following questions:
1. Are the following checks and restraints built into the Simulators/Tra	aining Devices process:
1.1 Are independent observations (both announced and unannounced) periodically conducted of simulator training and checking?	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A
1.2 Are procedures in effect to ensure that all simulators and all level six and seven training devices are certified by the national simulator evaluation team? [SRR 121.407(a)]	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A
1.3 Is there a record maintained of the simulator configuration for each training and/or checking session?	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A
1.4 Is the simulator configuration record tied to each individual student's record?	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A
2. Do the checks and restraints ensure the desired result is achieved for the Simulators/Training Devices process?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO
3. Does the air carrier have a documented method for assessing the impacts of any changes made to checks and restraints in the Simulators/Training Devices process?	YES If no, explain: No
4. Does the air carrier have the resources to support the checks and restraints for the Simulators/Training Devices process?	YES If no, explain:

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SECTION 5 - PROCESS MEASUREMENT ATTRIBUTE		
Objective: To determine if the air carrier measures and assesses the Sim process, to identify and correct problems or potential problems.	ulators/Training Devices	
To meet this objective, the inspector will accomplish the following tasks:		
1. Review the documented instructions and information related to the S process.	imulators/Training Devices	
2. Discuss the Simulators/Training Devices process with appropriate peunderstanding of the process measures.	ersonnel to gain an	
3. Observe the Simulators/Training Devices process to gain an understa	anding of the process measures.	
To meet this objective, the inspector will determine and record answers to	to the following questions:	
1. <deleted></deleted>		
2. Does the air carrier's Simulators/Training Devices process include the measurements?	ne following process	
2.1 Simulators and training devices are used in accordance with air carrier and FAA procedures.	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A	
2.2 Results of the feedback between line pilots and the Director of I for:		
2.2.1 Effectiveness of training;	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A	
2.2.2 Consistency of training; and	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A	
2.2.3 Standardization of training.	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A	
3. Does the air carrier employ an independent evaluation program?	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A	
4. Does the air carrier document their process measurement methods and results?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO	
5. Are the air carrier's process measurement methods effective?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO	
6. Does the air carrier use their process measurement results to improve their programs?	YES If no, explain:	

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7. Are the process measurement results accessible to the FAA?	YES If no, explain:	
8. Does the organization that conducts the process measurement have direct access to the person with responsibility for the Simulators/Training Devices process?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO	
9. Does the air carrier have the resources to support the process measurement for the Simulators/Training Devices process?	YES If no, explain:	

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SECTION 6 – INTERFACES ATTRIBUTE		
Objective: To determine if the air carrier identifies and manages the interactions between the		
Simulators/Training Devices process and the other element processes wi	thin the air carrier organization.	
To meet this objective, the inspector will accomplish the following tasks.	:	
1. Review the documented instructions and information related to the S process.	simulators/Training Devices	
2. Discuss the Simulators/Training Devices process with appropriate per understanding of the interfaces.	ersonnel to gain an	
3. Observe the Simulators/Training Devices process to gain an understa	anding of the interfaces.	
To meet this objective, the inspector will determine and record answers	to the following questions:	
1. Are the following interfaces identified for the Simulators/Training D	Pevices process:	
1.1 Inspection Program (Element 1.3.2)	YES If no or N/A, explain:	
	□ No	
1.2 Eliabt Attandant Duting/Cabin Dugadung (Element 2.1.2)	N/A	
1.2 Flight Attendant Duties/Cabin Procedures (Element 3.1.2)	YES If no or N/A, explain:	
	□ NO □ N/A	
1.3 Airman Duties/Flight Deck Procedures (Element 3.1.3)	YES If no or N/A, explain:	
	No	
	□ N/A	
1.4 Operational Control (Element 3.1.4)	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain:	
	□ No	
	□ N/A	
1.5 Aircraft Performance Operating Limitations (Element 3.1.9)	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain:	
	□ No	
	□ N/A	
1.6 Safety Program (Element 7.2.1)	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain:	
	□ No	
	□ N/A	
1.7 Training of Flight Crewmembers (Element 4.2.3)	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain:	
	□ No	
	□ N/A	
1.8 Outsource Crewmember Training (Element 4.2.9)	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain:	
	□ No	
	□ N/A	

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1.9 Crewmember and Dispatch Qualifications (Subsystem 4.3)	YES NO N/A	If no or N/A, explain:
1.10 National Simulator Program Manager	YES NO N/A	If no or N/A, explain:
1.11 Principal Operations Inspector	YES NO N/A	If no or N/A, explain:
1.12 Manual Currency (Element 2.1.1)	☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ N/A	If no or N/A, explain:
1.13 Content Consistency Across Manuals (Element 2.1.2)	YES NO N/A	If no or N/A, explain:
1.14 Manual Distribution (Element 2.1.3)	YES NO N/A	If no or N/A, explain:
1.15 Manual Availability (Element 2.1.4)	YES NO N/A	If no or N/A, explain:
2. List any additional interfaces identified:	1	
3. Are there written procedures for the use of air carrier personnel in the application of these interfaces?	☐ YES ☐ NO	If no, explain:
4. Are there controls to ensure that interfaces occur?	☐ YES ☐ NO	If no, explain:
5. Are the interfaces between the Simulators/Training Devices process and other processes treated consistently in the Manual(s)?	☐ YES ☐ NO	If no, explain: